Mr. A. Gopala Menon : It is a question of simple arithmetic, Sir.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : On a calculation I have found that for getting one form, one has to pay about 3½ cash. May I know how is that amount to be paid in the treasury ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : A convenient unit of price will be fixed after reconsideration of the matter.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know whether the Director is convinced of the considerable difficulty felt by the Managers of schools in the purchase of these forms by remitting some money in the Treasury ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : There must be some difficulty in the matter. But no representation has been made by anybody in regard to it.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I ask, could not some arrangements be made to purchase these forms on payment of money directly from the Director's office or from the Inspectors' office.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Even now the forms are purchased from the Director's office as well as the Inspectors' office.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : In that connection, have not payments to be made in the Treasury and the chalan receipt produced with the application forms in the Director's office and the Inspectors' office ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : The present procedure is that payment has to be made into the Treasury and the chalan receipt produced with the application forms.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : So, may I know whether some arrangement could not be made for payment of the money either in the Director's office or in the Inspector's office for getting the necessary forms ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : The matter will be considered.

Grant-in-aid to aided schools.

37. **Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state : (1)

(*a*) whether they have issued orders to withdraw grant-in-aid from aided schools for want of attendance ;

(*b*) if so, what is the minimum percentage of attendance to earn the sanctioned grant for a class for a month ;

(*c*) whether this shortage of attendance is calculated only from last Chingom ;

(*d*) whether this shortage of attendance in certain districts was due to malarial havoc or harvest activities ;

(*e*) whether there is any order to withdraw the salary of teachers of departmental schools ; wherever this shortage is found;

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(*f*) if not, why this differential treatment is accord to departmental schools ; and

(2) will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement by district of the amounts withdrawn ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : 1. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 75 per cent. per day for at least fifteen working days in a month.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It has not been reported.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This order does not relate to teachers' salaries.

2. The information will be available only after the close of the current financial year.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : In answer to part (*d*) may I know whether the department proposes to await any report in regard to shortage in attendance in certain districts ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : So far as this year is concerned that question is practically closed. In future, such reports will be considered.

Inspectors of Schools.

38. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing :

(*a*) Division Inspectors of Schools ;

(*b*) Assistant Inspectors of Schools ; and

(*c*) Assistant Inspectresses of Schools ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : The *list is laid on the table.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : I find from the statement that among the Assistant Inspectors of schools there is only one Ezhava and also among the Assistant Inspectresses of schools, there is only one Ezhava. May I know whether the lady who is included in the list of Assistant Inspectresses of schools, is put in the grade of Assistant Inspectors ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : There is no separate cadre for Assistant Inspectors. Those appointments are included in the provincial list of graduate teachers.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : May I ask, if a Divisional Inspector is overaged, he will be sent away from service?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Any officer who has reached the superannuation stage may be sent out of service.

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